

MINUTES

Council meeting 16 September 2025

VENUE:	Council Chamber Civic Centre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
MEETING COMMENCED:	6.30pm
PRESENT:	Mayor Were (Chair) Cr Bell Cr Eaton Cr Fisher Cr Greaves Cr Jew Cr Platten Cr Stafford Cr Themeliotis Cr Wilkes Cr Yeomans
APOLOGIES:	Cr Davis Cr Pritchard
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	-
ABSENT:	-

PLEDGE

We recognise this City's considerable natural and cultural heritage, including thousands of years of traditional ownership by Kurna, and the more recent contribution from people either born here or who have migrated here. As we meet together, we build on this heritage by respecting and listening to each other, thinking clearly, being receptive to new ideas, speaking honestly, and deciding wisely for the current and future wellbeing of those we serve.

1. Opening of meeting

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

Members read the pledge.

2. Confirmation of minutes

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 19 August 2025 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of those proceedings.

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

3. Adjourned business

Nil.

4. Leave of absence

Nil.

5. Mayor's communication

5.1 ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

As Acting Mayor and current Deputy Mayor, it is both an honour and a privilege to serve our community during Mayor Were's leave. I am grateful for the opportunity to step into this leadership role, which has allowed me to represent our region nationally and connect more deeply with community groups and individuals across our wonderful City.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Chamber for their steadfast support during this period, Mayor Were who has taken my calls at times to ensure continuity in our approach, as well as to our dedicated staff whose efforts have been instrumental in ensuring I had a smooth transition into the role.

Algal Bloom - Canberra Delegation

On Thursday 28 August, I participated in a delegation of Mayors, scientists, industry representatives and Adelaide Coastal Councils. The delegation included:

- Mayor Amanda Wilson, City of Holdfast Bay
- Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham/LGA South Australia
- Mayor Claire Boan, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Mayor Angela Evans, City of Charles Sturt
- Mayor Diana Mislov, City of Port Lincoln
- Acting Mayor Lauren Jew, City of Onkaparinga
- Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers, Yorke Peninsula Council
- Mayor Paul Simmons, Coorong District Council
- Councillor Gretel Wilkes, Adelaide Coastal Councils Network
- Dr Georgina Wood, Flinders University
- Professor Charlie Huveneers, Flinders University
- Stefan Andrews, Great Southern Reef Foundation

- Zoe Doubleday, Marine Ecologist
- Shaun De Bruyn, TicSA

We took the stories, facts and requests regarding the algal bloom to the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, Ministers, and government and opposition backbenchers.

The standout request was for a national framework to address the algal bloom. By the end of the day, it was clear all parties understood that algal blooms are dynamic like fires and can be long lasting like droughts. This recognition was an important step as it demonstrated the need for bespoke measures and a coordinated approach similar to the frameworks already in place for the increasing impact of climate change, including bushfires and drought.

Another key point was the need for baseline data and investment in long term monitoring. The Great Southern Reef (GSR) is four times the size of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR), yet the GBR receives \$200 million in funding while the GSR receives a much smaller proportion, despite its ecological and economic importance and the threats it faces.

In the week leading up to the delegation, I collected more than 200 pieces of artwork from children and young people, reflecting their love for the ocean and concern for its future. Copies of this artwork were presented to the Prime Minister, Hon Mark Butler MP, Hon Amanda Rishworth MP and Rebekha Sharkie MP. After the deputation from young people at the August Council Meeting, this was a way to capture a voice we often do not hear from.

Thank you to the following education sites for their contributions: Coastal Montessori Early Learning Centre, Madge Sexton Kindergarten, Aldinga Payinthe College, Aldinga Beach Children's Centre, Southern Vales Christian College, Willunga Waldorf School, Aldinga Beach Primary School and Cardijn College Galilee.

The delegation focused on three key objectives:

- National response and market confidence
- Community wellbeing and resilience
- Permanent monitoring, baselines and testing

The Australian Government committed to continuing dialogue in these priority areas.

There was bipartisan support across parties, acknowledging the significance of the algal bloom. A press conference coordinated by Rebekha Sharkie MP, co-chair of Parliamentary Friends of Great Southern Reef, brought together all major political parties, demonstrating the shared commitment to addressing the scale of the challenge and the urgent need to act.

The City of Onkaparinga has shown we are organised, collaborative and a strong partner for funding distribution and project delivery. Staff ensured I was well prepared ahead of the trip, including a concise one-pager of our requests based on Council decisions and the delegation's priority areas, which I have attached to this report.

Following the delegation, I connected our Chief Executive Officer, Phu Nguyen, with government representatives I met in Canberra to explore opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

The delegation was a positive demonstration of local government on the national stage and will position us strongly into the future. It was valuable to collaborate with other councils, the tourism industry, Coastal Councils and scientists.

To make good use of my time in Canberra, I also met with Senator the Hon Charlotte Walker, a member of the Senate Inquiry into Algal Blooms in South Australia, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston, and representatives from the

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), including Amy Crawford, Chief Executive officer, and Rachel Feeney, Executive Director Policy. The meeting with ALGA was particularly valuable, as they shared insights and will consider embedding these issues into their advocacy agenda with the Australian Government.

Senate Inquiry into the Algal Bloom in South Australia – Public Hearing

As Council Spokesperson, it was a privilege to be invited to speak on behalf of our community as a witness to the Senate Inquiry into Algal Blooms in South Australia Public Hearing in Seacliff on 9 September to urge decisive, coordinated action.

Here is the personal statement I delivered to the committee:

My name is Lauren Jew, I'm Acting Mayor of Onkaparinga and mother, proudly living on Kurna country.

The one message I want the Committee to hear from our council, as home to 31 KMs of coastline and 185,000+ residents, is that this Algal Bloom is as much a disaster to us as the fires, floods and drought our state and our country experience. And our community keeps asking how they – and us - can take real action, now.

The one recommendation I'd make is to give councils a real seat at the table. Local government is a willing and proven partner for investing in community and business resilience. We're here, we see what's happening and we can make a difference.

Right now, collaboration is imperative, as well as the much welcomed funding announcements. We are counting on federal government's commitment to emissions reduction and state government's provision of clear, evidence-based information, so councils like us can fulfill our role of supporting the liveability of our places into the future.

Alongside academic, state government, conservation, tourism, marine users and Kurna representatives, the local government presenters on the day included:

- SA Coastal Councils Alliance
- Holdfast Bay Council
- LGA South Australia
- Adelaide Coastal Council Network

To view the program and a recording of the public hearing, visit [Public Hearings – Parliament of Australia - Algal Blooms in South Australia](#).

Achievements

Congratulations to the Onkaparinga City Concert Band for their recent awards at the State Band Championships. They went home winners of the Showcase Award and 2nd place in the overall championships.

A special mention to former councillor Bill Jamieson. On the 23rd August, I had the pleasure of attending the 71st annual dinner for the Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club where they announced Bill would be receiving Life Governor the following day at their AGM. Bill's involvement with the club and Surf life Saving SA has included 62 years of service, beginning in 1962. He has held roles including Club President and President of Surf Life Saving SA. Mr Jamieson was inducted into the Surf Life Saving Club Hall of Fame, received

life membership with Surf Life Saving Australia in 2012 and has won a number of awards at a club level including Best Club Person (2), Vice president Trophy, Most Outstanding Competitor and Veterans Club Champion.

Project Updates

Witton Bluff Base Trail

The Witton Bluff Base Trail was officially opened on 23 August 2025, delivering a long-awaited 1.1km shared-use coastal path connecting Port Noarlunga and Christies Beach.

This transformative project was made possible through strong collaboration and significant investment from all levels of government. The City of Onkaparinga worked closely with the South Australian Government, which committed matching funds in 2020 to bring the vision to life, and the Australian Government, which provided vital funding last year for the upgrade of the ageing Witton Bluff seawall. These combined contributions ensured the trail could be built to a high standard while also safeguarding coastal assets against erosion and sea level rise.

The project also relied on the construction expertise of BluBuilt Constructions, Buttrose Earthmovers and Neo Infrastructure. Beyond providing a stunning new accessible link, the trail supports local businesses, encourages healthy lifestyles, boosts tourism, and advances the statewide Coast Park vision.

Port Noarlunga Jetty Repairs

The Port Noarlunga Jetty was officially re-opened on Friday 22 August 2025. All storm-related damage has now been fully repaired, and the jetty is once again safe for the community to enjoy.

The council engaged a specialised marine contractor to undertake the complex repairs following the significant storm surge that occurred in early June 2025. The works included the replacement of all split decking timbers, as well as key structural elements such as sub-decking girders and crosshead members. Damaged handrails and the beach access stairs were also restored. Once the contractor mobilised to site, all repairs were completed within a tight six-week timeframe.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$360,000, with the majority of funding provided by the South Australian Government. This investment ensures that this iconic and much-loved part of Port Noarlunga's coastal experience is once again safe and accessible for both locals and visitors.

Hopgood Theatre

The upgrade of the theatre is now complete, with the project team currently undertaking minor defects rectification and finalising minor works.

Country Arts SA (CASA) has commenced its relocation to the theatre. Training on the new system has begun while CASA also begin hosting private tours to potential hirers.

Planning is in full swing for an official opening in late October 2025.

Trafalgar Street Stormwater Upgrade

This significant stormwater upgrade is being undertaken by one of the City of Onkaparinga's internal construction crew and commenced at the beginning of August 2025. Excellent progress has already been made, completing a new culvert crossing under Commercial Road, to allow a new underground stormwater system to drain into the swale along the eastern shoulder.

Works are continuing up Trafalgar Street, installing drainage, new stormwater pits and pipes to alleviate the ongoing flooding issues being experienced by local residents. Despite having to navigate some tricky underground services and experiencing some hampered progress due to ongoing wet weather, the council team is on track to deliver this significant upgrade by mid-October.

Symonds Reserve playground upgrade and tree planting

Symonds Reserve, Aldinga Beach currently contains two playgrounds that have reached the end of their asset life. Council proposes to replace these with a single, larger playground in a new location to meet the service standard for a District Reserve.

The reserve also includes a dog park (small and large dog areas), fitness equipment, skateboard/BMX facilities, courts and parking. Nearby facilities include the Aldinga Community Centre, Community Garden, Kindergarten, Children's Centre and The Lions Shed.

Design and community engagement are scheduled for 2025–26, with construction in 2026–27, subject to budget allocation. Council has also secured a \$304,000 Cooler, Greener, Wilder grant from Green Adelaide to support tree planting and irrigation, enhancing greening, cooling and biodiversity outcomes.

Community engagement ran from 21 July to 11 August 2025 and included doorknocking 60 adjacent properties (28 July 2025) and an on-site drop-in session (30 July 2025). Feedback indicated strong overall support, with minor design adjustments to be considered. The concept plan will now be revised in line with community feedback and budget, with final design expected mid-2026.

Citizenship

On 1 September 2025, I had the privilege of welcoming 79 new Citizens from over 27 countries at a Citizenship Ceremony at the Royal Adelaide Show. Taking part in, or even just bearing witness to, an Australian citizenship ceremony gives us all an opportunity to take pride in our citizenship and reflect on the meaning and importance of being Australian – whether you are Australian by birth, or by choice.

Elected Member Representation

Thank you to Cr Jordan Pritchard for representing me at:

- Willunga Recreation Park Awards Night 2025

This month the following invitations received an apology:

- SACWA Country Café at the Royal Adelaide Show
- MAB 30 Dinner celebrating 30 years in business
- Street Corner Meetings with Member for Hurtle Vale
- Seaford Rotary Pink Lady Field of Women High Tea
- 2025 Great Southern Netball Association Junior Presentations
- 2025 Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism
- First Nations program afternoon tea
- Hallett Cove community forum regarding South Australia's algal bloom response
- Official Opening of the Summit Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- National Trust of SA AGM - Willunga Branch
- Morphett Vale RSL Sub-Branch Annual Dinner
- 2025 Australia Asean Business Forum
- ANU Roundtable: Addressing Information Manipulation & Harassment of Local Leaders

- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Future Makers for Women Entrepreneurs Launch with Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher
- Great Southern Netball Association Senior Presentations

Mayor's calendar 16 August to 12 September 2025

August	
18	Community Meeting regarding Dust Concerns at Lonsdale
	Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum
19	Council Meeting

Acting Mayor's calendar 21 August to 12 September 2025

August	
22	Radio interview – ABC Adelaide
23	Christies Beach SLSC annual dinner
26	Elected Member session
28-29	Canberra Delegation of Mayors regarding Algal Bloom • Met with delegation of Mayors, scientists • Met with the Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry • Met with Opposition Senators and Members • Met with CSIRO • Met with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health and Aging • Met with the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management and the Hon Anne Aly MP, Minister for Small Business • Met with the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Leader of the Opposition • Met with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister and the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Environment and Water • Met with Parliamentary Friends of the Great Southern Reef • Attended Question Time • Met with the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston • Met with Senator Charlotte Walker, South Australian Government representative on the Senate Inquiry into the Algal Bloom • Met with the Chief Executive and Executive Director Policy of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)
September	
1	Royal Adelaide Show citizenship ceremony
2	Elected Member session
3	Met with CEO of South Adelaide Football Club
5	Panellist for AITPM National Transport Conference
	Weekly Local Government Algal Bloom Briefing
	Met with Member for Kaurua
8	Aldinga Bay Scouts community leadership
9	Adelaide Public Hearing - Inquiry into Algal Blooms in South Australia
	Interview - ABC
10	Radio Interview – ABC Radio

Correspondence

Att 1	To the Senate Standing Environment and Communications References Committee regarding Algal Blooms in South Australia	City of Onkaparinga submission
Att 2	To Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, President of Local Government Association SA	Illegal Dumping
Att 3	By the City of Onkaparinga	One-pager on Algal Bloom distributed for Federal representatives
Att 4	To The Hon Nick Champion MP, Minister for Planning	Mount Bold Dam Safety Upgrade
Att 5	From Mayor Dr Heather Holmes-Ross, City of Mitcham	Thank you and recognition of support for Verge Greening Initiative
Att 6	From the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier	Response regarding hosting Gather Round at Magain Stadium
Att 7	From the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport	Response regarding pedestrian safety on Main Road, Coromandel Valley
Att 8	From David Reynolds, Chief Executive, Department for Housing and Urban Development	Consultation for Sellicks Beach Growth Area Joint Amendment

Thank you.



Lauren Jew
Mayor (acting)

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council note the 16 September 2025 Acting Mayor's report.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

6. Presentations

Nil.

7. Deputations

7.1 DEPUTATION – JULIE JOYES RE LONG TERM LEASE PROPOSAL OF COMMUNITY LAND AT SEAFORD RISE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Julie Joyes gave a deputation and answered questions from elected members in relation to the long term lease proposal of community land at Seaford Rise for a telecommunications tower.

7.2 DEPUTATION – LYNETTE BRANDWOOD, SERVICE STREAM RE LONG TERM LEASE PROPOSAL OF COMMUNITY LAND AT SEAFORD RISE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Lynette Brandwood from Service Stream gave a deputation and, together with Tim Smith from TPG, answered questions from elected members in relation to the long term lease proposal of community land at Seaford Rise for a telecommunications tower.

8. Presentation by Committee chairpersons and reports to Council by Council Committees

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 14 AUGUST 2025

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council note the minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting held on 14 August 2025 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

8.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 28 AUGUST 2025

MOVED Cr Yeomans.

1. Item 7.11 Corporate Risk Review – August 2025

That Council approve that:

a) *Management review the risk management framework in relation to escalation points where assessed residual risk is outside of risk appetite; such that*

i. *Delegations of authority are assigned to specify risks to be referred for Council approval and those to be left to management discretion*

ii. *Any decision to accept a material residual risk outside of the approved risk appetite rests with Council, not administration*

2. *That Council note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 August 2025 as per Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED

8.3 SOUTHERN REGION WASTE RESOURCE AUTHORITY – CONSTITUENT COUNCIL
INFORMATION REPORT – BOARD MEETING 23 JUNE 2025 & 25 AUGUST 2025

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

That Council notes the Southern Region Waste Resource Authority Constituent Council Information Reports – Public (attachments 1 and 2 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

9. Reports of officers

9.1 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Matt Atkinson, Presiding member of the Council Assessment Panel, presented the Annual Report and answered questions from elected members.

MOVED Cr Fisher.

1. *That Council receives the Council Assessment Panel Annual Report 2024 2025 as contained in Attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
2. *That Council endorses the amended Terms of Reference for the City of Onkaparinga Council Assessment Panel (Attachment 2 to the agenda report).*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.2 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL INDEPENDENT MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That the term of the current Independent Members (Sarah Reachill, Ross Bateup and Ben Schnell) be extended until 31 December 2027.

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED

9.3 REQUEST LONG-TERM LEASE OF NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER TO BE LOCATED
CORNER OF DALKEITH AND COMMERCIAL ROAD SEAFORD RISE

Cr Greaves declared a general conflict of interest as a member of the Council Assessment Panel (CAP) as follows:

Given the likelihood of a future development application being considered by the CAP, this may result in a conflict. Questions which relate to the DA process and the merits of an application may also be canvassed during consideration of this item.

Cr Greaves chose to leave the meeting at 7.36pm.

Cr Fisher declared a material conflict of interest as deputy member of the CAP and left the meeting at 7.37pm.

MOVED Cr Platten.

Having considered the submissions received, resolves to decline the application to alienate the subject land by way of lease for a term of up to 20 years to enable the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated infrastructure, in recognition of the opposing feedback received from the public consultation process.

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

LOST

Cr Wilkes called a DIVISION and the decision was set aside.

For:

Cr Wilkes	Cr Platten	Cr Themeliotis		
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Against:

Cr Yeomans	Cr Eaton	Cr Stafford	Cr Jew	Cr Bell
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LOST

MOVED Cr Bell

That for the land described as a Portion of the Land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 6090 Folio 729 and known as Allotment 5000 Commercial Road Seaford Rise 5169, being an area of 80 square meters of Council Land as highlighted in green on Attachment 1 to the agenda report, Council:

1. *Receives the Community Engagement Feedback Report (Attachment 2) from the public consultation process.*
2. *Notes that: 179 submissions were received comprising 20 in support, 156 not in support and 33 unsure; and petition received by council on 4 July 2025 containing 296 signatures.*
3. *Having considered the submissions received, and being satisfied that the concerns raised can be appropriately managed and mitigated, Council resolves to:*
 - a) *Alienate the subject land by way of lease for a term of up to 20 years to enable the construction of a telecommunications tower and associated infrastructure, subject to the following conditions:*
 - *Development Approval being granted*
 - *The telecommunications infrastructure being positioned and designed to minimise visual impacts on the amenity of the local community and surrounding environment*
 - *The applicant complying with obligations under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 and associated regulations, including engaging with Traditional Owners and ensuring no damage to or interference with Aboriginal heritage.*

This decision reflects careful consideration of the feedback received and determines that, on balance, the broader community benefits associated with improved telecommunication services and mobile network coverage, together with the proposed site's distance from residential properties, outweigh the concerns raised.

- b) *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documentation associated with finalising the lease transaction.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

Cr Wilkes called a DIVISION and the decision was set aside.

For:

Cr Yeomans	Cr Eaton	Cr Stafford	Cr Jew	Cr Bell
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Against:

Cr Wilkes	Cr Platten	Cr Themeliotis		
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CARRIED

At 8.20pm Cr Themeliotis MOVED that the meeting break for five minutes.

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reconvened the meeting in the Chamber at 8.25pm with all members present that were present before the break with the exception of Cr Jew and with the addition of Crs Fisher and Greaves.

9.4 KEY TO THE CITY NOMINATION – DON HOPGOOD AO

Cr Bell declared a general conflict of interest as a member of the Labor party and the Labor candidate for Heysen.

Cr Bell's Conflict of Interest disclosure form indicated that she would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter.

Cr Bell chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Bell.

That Council:

- 1. Award the City of Onkaparinga Key to the City to Donald Hopgood AO in recognition of his considerable service and contribution to the community and the arts in the south.*
- 2. Present the Key to the City to Donald Hopgood AO at the official opening of the refurbished Hopgood Theatre in October 2025, or at a suitable date as determined by the Mayor.*

Cr Jew resumed her seat in the Chamber at 8.26pm.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Bell voted for the motion.

9.5 RAY GILBERT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

That Council award the City of Onkaparinga Ray Gilbert Award for Excellence to Dean Rowe and Vicky Rowland-Knapman.

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 PETITION – LIGHTING HACKHAM WEST COURTS

MOVED Cr Platten.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the receiving petition and recommendations of 17 June 2025 meeting (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).*
- 2. Notes that previous requests for lighting at this site have also been received through the community and raised at the Hackham West Community Centre meetings which requested discussions to look at better understanding community needs and interest.*

3. *Notes that council has previously undertaken Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) audits at the community centre which resulted in the installation of new exterior fencing, security system, CCTV and security lighting.*
4. *Notes that to further enhance security, an extra security light will be installed on the existing carport to enhance lighting along the pathway to the HWCC car park as per stage 1 of the petition estimated at \$1,500. This will be funded from the Buildings Urgent and General budget and will be installed in October 2025.*
5. *Notes that the assessment of the proposed scope of works for the installation of lighting on the community courts (Stages 2 and 3 of the petition) was primarily conducted against the criteria outlined in the Sport and Active Recreation Action Plan 2021–2025 (SARAP), which determined that the project is not a current priority.*
6. *Requests council engage with the Hackham West Community Centre to gauge interest in events on the hardcourts that may require access to power, with the potential for Council to undertake power installation on the site under the Buildings Urgent and General budget to be considered as a separate matter from the lighting request.*
7. *Requests council add this project to the Project Capital Work (PCW) list as per the project initiation stage from the asset lifecycle process in the Strategic Asset Management Plan*
8. *Requests council review the Strategic Asset Management Plan Service Levels to consider the addition of a Sport and Active Recreation category which may identify different service levels for lighting depending on the use of the hardcourt*
9. *Requests council reviews the current project management approach for smaller projects as assuming a three-year cycle for all size projects is inflexible*
10. *Requests council review how the Resource Prioritisation Document and council processes are meeting the asset management objectives including an expectation that the next update of the resource prioritisation document will align with the Community Vision 2034 themes of Community, Environment, Liveability and Leadership rather than the previous themes of people, place, prosperity and performance.*
11. *The head petitioner be notified of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

CARRIED

9.7 CITY GROWN NATIVE PLANTS FOR VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

MOVED Cr Platten.

That Council:

1. *Endorses the use of native plants, grown and sourced from the City of Onkaparinga's nursery, as gifts or tokens of appreciation to recognise and celebrate the contributions of volunteers across our community.*
2. *Notes that this initiative aligns with our commitment as a Tree City of the World and reinforces our goals of promoting environmental sustainability and increasing native vegetation across the city.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

9.8 WASTE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOVED Cr Wilkes.

That Council endorses the draft Waste Strategic Management Plan 2025-2030 for community engagement purposes (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 FINAL UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROPOSAL TO REVOKE AND DISPOSE OF COUNCIL RESERVE AT MARIE AVE, MORPHETT VALE

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That for the council owned reserve land described as Allotment (Reserve) 40 in Deposited Plan 7107, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5910 Folio 354 and Allotment (Reserve) 208 in Deposited Plan 7598, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 3257 Folio 78 bordered in blue on attachment 1 to the agenda report and known as 4-6 Marie Avenue Morphett Vale, Council:

- 1. Receives the approval to revoke the subject land from its community land classification from the Minister for Local Government in letter dated 24 August 2025 (refer attachment 2 to the agenda report).*
- 2. Resolves to formally approve the revocation of the subject land from its community land classification pursuant to subsection 194(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999.*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign any documents required to finalise the revocation and disposal process.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 ONKAPARINGA ADVANCE TO ZERO HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

Cr Jew declared a general conflict of interest as she works for the Department of Human Services but stated she has no influence over funding decisions related to the matter.

Cr Jew's Conflict of Interest disclosure form indicated that she would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter.

Cr Jew chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Jew.

That Council:

- 1. Approves establishing an Onkaparinga Advance to Zero Homelessness Project until June 2029.*
- 2. Request the Mayor to write to the Minister for Human Services seeking match funding and other support required from Department for Human Services to establish an Onkaparinga Advance to Zero Homelessness Project, in addition to advocating for increased funding to strengthen data and foundational support for Advance to Zero Projects in South Australia through the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness.*
- 3. Approves contributing 50 per cent to a full time Community Development Officer - Homelessness position for the provision of data management and coordination of the Onkaparinga Advance to Zero Homelessness Project.*

4. *Request the Mayor to write to Toward Home Alliance and South Australia Housing Trust seeking support and commitment to contribute to an Onkaparinga Advance to Zero Homelessness Project.*
5. *Endorses the South Australian Council of Social Services' call for a Homelessness Roadmap, which offers an evidence-based, systems-level pathway to reducing homelessness in South Australia through expanded services, meaningful investment, and coordinated reform.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Jew voted for the motion.

9.11 VINE STREET COMMUNITY FACILITY

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council:

1. *Approves that the Vine Street Facility is leased to Reynella Neighbourhood Centre through a variation to their existing Partnership and Management Agreement on a short-term basis (up to two years), with The People's Platter being a sub-user at the facility.*
2. *Notes the longer-term future of Vine Street Facility will be considered via our ongoing Community Facilities District Planning work, including future council decision-making on the provision of its community facilities network across the region.*
3. *Notes recent concerns shared by Southern Elders and Community about the new location of Neporendi Aboriginal Community Centre at Wardli Centre Christie Downs, which has necessitated extensive work to understand and respond to concerns raised.*
4. *Notes the recent Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Incorporated Board resolution to remain at Wardli Centre.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

9.12 SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION DRAFT 2026 STATE ELECTION ADVOCACY PLATFORM

Cr Bell declared a general conflict of interest as a member of the Labor party and the Labor candidate for Heysen.

Cr Bell's Conflict of Interest disclosure form indicated that she would receive no benefit or detriment, direct or indirect, personal or pecuniary from considering the matter.

Cr Bell chose to remain in the meeting and debate and vote on the matter.

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council endorses the submission, in the form of a letter from the Mayor, prepared in response to the Local Government Association's Draft 2026 State Election Advocacy Platform (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

Cr Bell voted for the motion.

9.13 DRAFT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 – 30 FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That council endorses the Draft Economic Growth and Tourism Strategic Plan 2025–30 (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Jew.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.14 ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

MOVED Cr Platten.

That Council:

- 1. Notes the agenda report.*
- 2. Notes the status of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill).*
- 3. Advocates to the state government to progress with the Local Nuisance and Litter Control (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2024 to improve the management and collection of shopping trolleys.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

9.15 SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT MCLAREN VALE REGIONAL WATER SECURITY STRATEGY

MOVED Cr Greaves.

That Council endorses the submission prepared in response to the release of the Draft McLaren Vale Regional Water Security Strategy (Attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

9.16 EXPLORING INCREASED RATING ON VACANT LAND

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

That Council note the information contained in the agenda report.

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

9.17 QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT INCLUDING BUDGET REVIEW 4

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That Council:

1. *Note the draft actual results for the year ending 30 June 2025 as presented in attachments 1 and 2 to the agenda report, specifically noting the following:*
 - a. *that no significant variations have been identified as part of the year-end analysis that would have impacted the 2025-26 budget or rate increase adopted by Council on 1 July 2025*
 - b. *that carrying forward the operating projects net expenditure budgets will decrease the 2025-26 budgeted operating surplus by \$0.755m.*
2. *Approve the Budget Review 4 adjustments as outlined in this report in order to facilitate carry forward requests.*
3. *Approve the capital and operating project budgets to be carried forward and incorporated into the 2025-26 budget, as presented in attachment 3 to the agenda report.*

Seconded by Cr Yeomans.

CARRIED

9.18 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

MOVED Cr Eaton.

That Council note the agenda report and Reporting Schedule (attachment 1 to the agenda report).

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

10. Questions on notice

10.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE- CR THEMELIOTIS – LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, SPORTING CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

What guidance can be provided to elected members in relation to issuing letters of support for community groups, sporting clubs, or organisations? In particular, what factors should members take into account when considering such requests?

Local community groups and businesses often seek external funding (e.g. grants) to deliver programs, events, capital works, and purchase equipment. Letters of support are a key part of many applications, helping to confirm council's backing and outline any financial or in-kind contributions.

Community groups should submit requests via the ['Request a letter of support from council'](#) portal, allowing at least 14 days for review and approval. The form helps council administration assess the request and prepare a suitable response.

Outside of this process, elected members can support community groups by issuing letters in their personal capacity, however these must not imply council endorsement or use council branding.

Council considers the following when reviewing requests:

- Sufficient lead time for review

- Alignment with council Community Vision 2034, strategies and priorities
- Complete and relevant documentation
- Required approvals for activities on council-managed property
 - *Lessee Landowner Consent*
 - *Event Application Form*
- Requests for council auspicing (guidelines being drafted for internal consultation)
- Potential reputational, financial or other risks to council or the community
- Applicant's standing with council (e.g. no outstanding debts or unresolved obligations)
- Lease status—applicants on expired leases should resolve lease matters before requesting support.

Submitting a request does not guarantee approval. Council may decline support at its discretion if the request does not meet the above criteria.

Council does not issue letters of support for:

- Council-issued grants, to avoid perceived conflicts of interest and advantage.
- General support where council's role cannot be clearly defined.

10.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – EM ENQUIRY SYSTEM – FEEDBACK AND IMPROVEMENTS

1. *System Functionality*

- *What aspects of the EM enquiry system are working well?*
- *What aspects are not working effectively?*
- *Considering staff workload, is the current 5-day turnaround timeframe practical and sustainable?*

As part of Council's standard four-year review cycle, a review of the EM Enquiry procedure is currently underway, including consideration of system improvements.

The previous review completed in 2021 resulted in service standards being dropped from 10 days to 5 days.

Since the 2021 review, the EM Enquiry process has transferred to the One Council system, which was only able to present basic reporting to the EM Enquiry dashboard.

Efforts are underway to improve data and reporting capabilities to help inform the current review. The review has also sought feedback and recommendations for improvements from Elected Members and key staff across the organisation.

A report is scheduled to be presented to Council in November.

2. *Workload Distribution*

- *Are there particular teams or service areas that receive a higher volume of EM enquiries compared to others?*

The below tables show a breakdown of EM Enquiries received by Department and teams for the period January-September 2025. Based on current data limitations, further detailed statics for the term will be available in the upcoming Council report.

Table 1.1 – EM Enquiries received by Section for 2025

EM Enquires received by Section

Year ● 2025

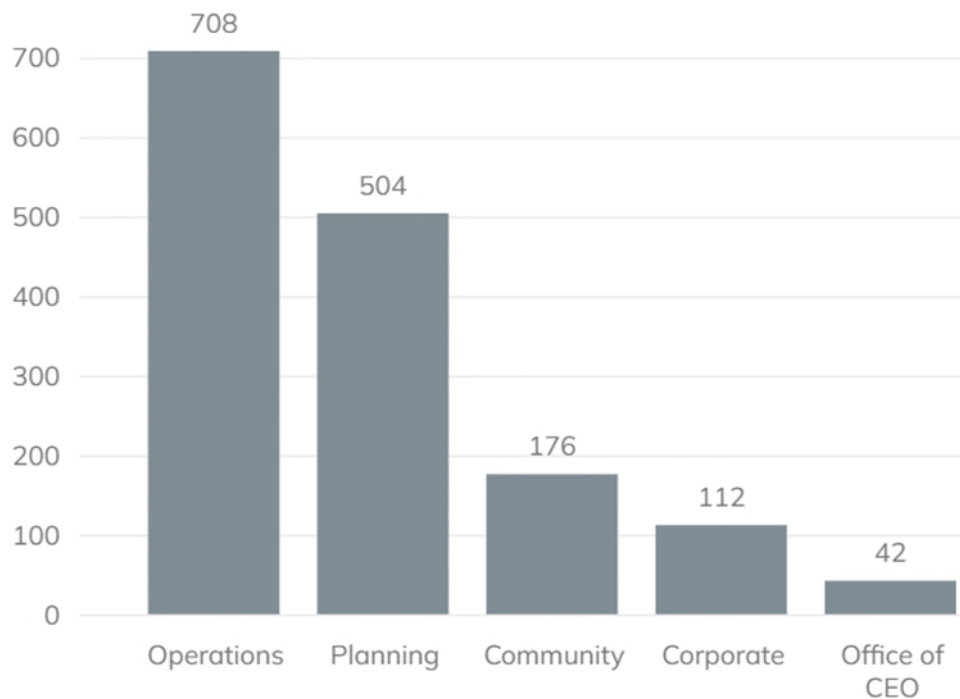
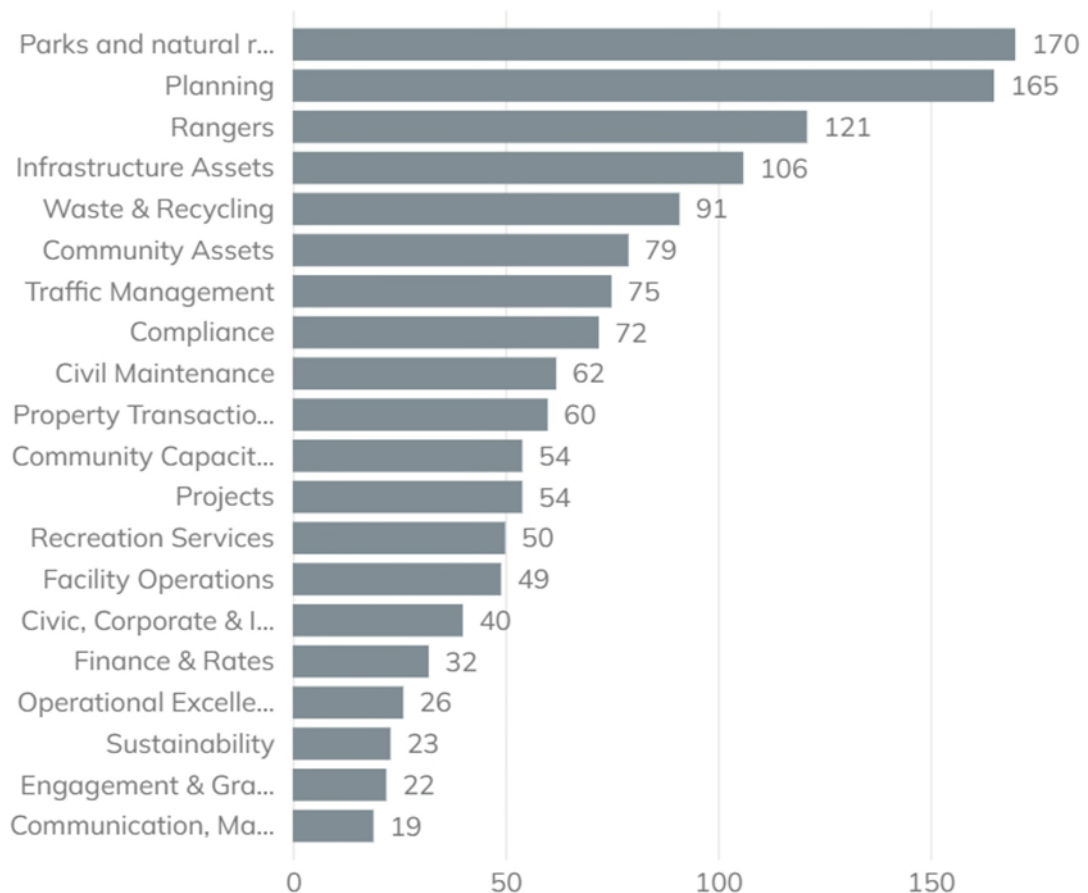


Table 1.2 – EM Enquiries received by team for 2025 (top 20)

EM Enquiries received by Team

Year ● 2025



3. *Improving Enquiry Quality*

- *What can elected members do to help ensure their enquiries can be responded to effectively and efficiently?(e.g., clarity of the question, providing specific location details, outlining the issue clearly).*

To assist the EM Enquiry Officer identify the nature of the request and ensure it is directed promptly to the appropriate area, Elected Members are encouraged to include the following as part of the enquiry:

- What – Clearly state the nature of the request in the subject line
- Who – Indicate who the enquiry is from? (Yourself, a resident or community group.)
- Background – Provide any additional relevant information to your enquiry in the body of the email.
- Questions – Outline your questions at the beginning of the email. Where appropriate, number the questions to assist in providing a structured response.

Further information can be found in the EM Enquiry FAQ sheet available on the EM website.

4. *Appropriate Channels*

- *What types of enquiries are not suitable for the EM enquiry system and should instead be directed to the general customer service email (mail@onkaparinga)?*

The EM enquiry system is a centralised email address for all Elected Members

- general enquiries
- requests for information
- enquiries that assist the Elected Member in performing their roles and responsibilities
- escalated complaints on behalf of residents and
- general council business.

To help make sure enquiries are directed to the right place and responded to quickly, it's important to note that the EM Enquiry system is not designed for:

- General requests for service (such as potholes, missed bins, or grass mowing)
- Information that is already readily available on Council's website

Raising a request for service

Residents and community groups can raise requests for service in the following ways:

- Online through Council's public website
- By emailing **mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au**
- By phoning Customer Relations on **8384 0666** during business hours

When a resident raises a request with you

If a resident contacts you directly about a service matter, the most effective approach is to encourage them to lodge the request through one of the channels above. This ensures their issue goes straight to the Customer Relations Team, who are best placed to action it quickly and it also ensures the response is provided promptly to the customer.

If needed, you may also submit the request on their behalf using the same channels. This can sometimes help to speed up the process and provide residents with a timely outcome

10.3 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR FISHER – YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. *Could you please detail the number and extent of youth facilities and programs offered in the City of Onkaparinga by the Council?*

The City of Onkaparinga operates the following three youth centres:

- Studio 20 Youth Centre, Aldinga Beach
- Base 10 Youth, Reynella
- Wardli Centre, Christie Downs

Across these three centres, council delivers on average 18 weekly after-school or evening programs and a range of programs and activities during school holidays. These programs are delivered alongside a range of community-based activities and initiatives delivered in partnership with other services.

The youth team also deliver a range of other programs with and for young people such as:

- Assertive Youth Street Outreach, which aims to engage with young people in our communities including young people who are at risk of mental health, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse, anti-social behaviour and social isolation. The project provides practical, proactive, and early intervention support and activities in identified hot spots within the city.
- Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation Momentum Program focused on building confidence and physical activity among youth 6- 18 years through semi-structured sport sessions to help improve fitness, build social connection and boost wellbeing.
- Onkaparinga Youth Committee, which is a facilitated volunteer group of young people aged 12-25 years that meet regularly to advocate for young people and drive change in our community.
- Delivering an Event Management program that teaches young people how to plan and deliver large scale events, with hands on experience designing, delivering and evaluating youth events in the city.
- SALA Youth Mentorship, a program to nurture and support young emerging artists within the city to present artwork in an exhibition for the SALA (South Australian Living Artist) Festival.
- Annual Youth Recognition Awards, where young people aged 8 to 25 are recognised, celebrated and honoured for their outstanding actions in improving their communities, self and securing their futures.

2. *Did some programs move facilities recently?*

In October 2024, the Onkaparinga Youth Enterprise Hub (OYEH) was relocated to the Wardli Centre after previously operating from a Beach Road shopfront.

Additionally, Neporendi Aboriginal Community Centre also relocated to the Wardli Centre in October 2024 after previously operating from the Vine Street Facility, Old Reynella

3. *In addition to budget allocation can you advise of any funding received?*

In addition to Council's core operating budgets, we operate a co-location and sub-leasing model, providing community service organisations lease or hire spaces within our youth centres.

Income generated through this approach generates approximately \$185,000 each year and helps reduce councils contribution to youth programs and services. These partnerships also generate additional benefits such as strengthening collaboration with

local organisations, creating cross-program opportunities for young people, and enhancing community connection.

The youth team also receive external funding to strengthen youth program and service delivery support. Over the next two financial years, this includes \$450,000 from various sources including the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing, Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation, Department for Human Services and Commonwealth grants to deliver:

- free sport and recreation programs
- the How to Adult program, designed to equip young adults with real life skills as they transition to adulthood
- the Ignite Futures project aimed at tackling youth unemployment with job readiness, employment and self employment pathways
- SA Youth Week activities

10.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – SPORTING CLUB TENURE (LICENCE V LEASE)

1. *How many sporting clubs currently occupy Council land or facilities under a licence rather than a lease?*

Approximately 15% of Council's sporting club occupancy agreements are under a licence arrangement (about 11 sporting club licences). These include licences for the use of courts within our Recreation Centres and seasonal use of Council sporting grounds, including turfed spaces and courts.

Most of these licence arrangements are in addition to leases for storage areas, sheds, or clubrooms. In these cases, the club licences community courts or open space reserves on a non-exclusive basis, while having exclusive use of an adjoining storage facility.

Examples of this arrangement include the Southern Athletic Club at Knox Park and the Southern Serpents Cricket Club at Serpentine Reserve.

2. *What are the benefits to Council and to clubs of using a licence instead of a lease?*

Council is committed to ensuring its assets are well utilised, facilitating optimum use and outcomes, and in a manner that aligns with council's strategic directions highlighted in our Strategic Asset Management and Sport and Active Recreation Action Plans.

Licence Agreements allow regular, ongoing, non-exclusive use of Council's community land and/or buildings. This helps Council to get the best use out of its facilities by enabling multiple users under separate licence agreements, rather than granting exclusive use (a lease) to one group and the facility is empty and unavailable when not in use by the leaseholder.

3. *Is Council considering moving away from the use of licences for sporting clubs in favour of leases?*

Council's position is set out in its draft Lease Policy which says, Council will enter into an Occupancy Agreement for the use of council's Community Land and buildings that aligns with council's strategic directions, the needs of the community, the intended purpose of the facility, the needs of the Occupant, and legislative obligations.

A Hire Agreement will be used for once-off, occasional or short-term use of council's Community Land and/or buildings.

Example: River Road Courts and Clubroom

A Licence Agreement will be used for regular and ongoing non-exclusive use of council's Community Land and/or buildings.

- Licence Agreements may be granted on a seasonal basis after considering the needs of the community, the strategic directions of council and the needs of the Occupant.
- Licence Agreements usually up to 5 years, however, may be granted for periods of time greater than five years when occupied for the purposes of delivering emergency or government services, or where aligned with the strategic directions of council.

Licence Agreements produce non-exclusive arrangements allowing the licensee to use a facility or land for a specified purpose and at specified times, while the landowner retains control.

Examples: Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club at Weymouth Oval, Southern Athletic Club at Knox Park

A Lease Agreement will be used for exclusive use of council's Community Land and or buildings, granting exclusive possession of a property or land to the Lessee for a defined period.

Examples: Multi-Use Sports Facilities such as Port Noarlunga Football and Sports Club, Surf Life Saving Clubs, or single-use facilities such as Christies Beach Bowling Club

10.5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR THEMELIOTIS – GREEN WASTE TOKENS AND SERVICES (COSTING)

Question 1

Free Green Waste Tokens, cost per token and budget impact of

- a) Seasonal tokens*
- b) Quarterly tokens (4)*
- c) Single token*

Response 1

Since the introduction of the Green Organics drop off service model (GO) in 2024-25 there has been a notable reduction in organic waste disposal, as highlighted in the table below.

FY	Trailers	Tonnes	Total cost
2024-25*	3200	323	\$65,294
2023-24	22,901	2181	\$411,196
2022-23	18,690	2,548	\$321,748
2021-22	14,011	2,028	\$233,527

*Fee for service model introduced

Given the past figures it is reasonable to assume that should a free service be re-introduced there would be an increase in resident use of this service. This makes it difficult to calculate costings and understand parameters as the number of trailers is likely to increase with a free service provision.

Options of modelling to include free passes was provided to all Elected Members in response to a query by Cr Themeliotis on Monday 24 June 2024 and reiterated as part of a query from Cr Fisher on 16 July 2024.

Further options for free bulk organics drop off waste token options were presented to elected members as part of the 2025-26 budget workshop on 13 May 2025.

All modelling is based on available data and assumes that as usage of the free tokens increases, the likelihood is the user pay service will decrease which in turn impacts the income. This results would result in the cost of the service reverting to a subsidised program and impacting all ratepayers. *The actual impact to service usage and final budget impact will only be known if a service level change takes place and may be higher if assumed usage varies. There is no current budget available to fund a service level change.*

Estimated costs for free tokens in the 2025-26 budget period are:

# Free Passes	1	2	3
Budget Impact	-\$87,012	-\$180,232	-\$273,452

The current token system supports flexibility for residents to use tokens as they require. The service is open for the first seven days of each month, further increasing flexibility and encourages appropriate use of the service. It also provides operational certainty for our contractor.

Question 2

Free Green Waste Drop Off Days (eg three per year North, Central, South)

a. Estimated total cost per event and per annum, impact on budget

Response 2

Our current contractor is based in Lonsdale and the existing token system enables all resident's flexibility to access the service based on their needs. It does not restrict access based residential location.

For a drop off service in three locations to be appropriately costed, it would a full scope to be developed including identification of suitable locations, plant and equipment and associated costs. It would also require also review of each location to ensure that the service could be safely delivered at each location.

Question 3

Free Kerbside Green Waste Pickups (similar to hard-waste model)

a. Cost per booked collection, is this something council could accommodate?

Response 3

Introduction of a kerbside green waste pickup (similar to a hard waste model) would be logistically and operationally challenging due to the nature of the material, including hazards that may be created through environmental factors like wind.

For comparison the cost of our hard waste collection (excluding dumping) is \$328,877 (based on 2024-25 FY). This would be a 0.25% rate increase, noting that additional costs would include disposal.

Question 4

Bushfire season green drop off programs, budget impact, eg Adelaide Hills free green-organics drop-offs across three depots; City of Mitchan 12 free open days each Fire Danger Season

Response 4

Data indicates a steady uptake of the GO drop-off service throughout the year. Prior to the introduction of the GO drop-off service analysis of trailer/tonnage per month indicated a very

slight increase during February to April, suggesting that residents may be more active in cleaning up organic material during the summer period.

Should council wish to pursue re-introduction of a free service the options suggested in question 1 would provide residents with more flexibility to dispose of organics as opposed to a model centralised around the bushfire season.

Question 5

Free mulch give back days (returning processed council green waste to residents). Cost, budget impact, is this something council has considered implement?

Response 5

Councils current contract for organics processing does not have scope for a program of this nature.

In April 2026, Councils new organics processing contract commences and may present future opportunities.

10.6 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – CR WILKES – DYSON ROAD TURN ONTO MORROW ROAD, CHRISTIES BEACH

Can council staff please provide an update on the proposed closure of the Dyson Road turn onto Morrow Road in Christies Beach?

Specifically, can staff clarify:

What stage is the proposal at?

What are the planned future steps for the proposed community engagement?

The anticipated timeframes for each stage of the process, including community consultation, final decision-making, and any physical works to be undertaken.

Response

A petition requesting traffic calming measures on Brown Road, Christies Beach was received on 18 February 2025. A receiving report was presented to Council at the February 2025 Council meeting and a subsequent report was presented to Council at their 15 April 2025 meeting. [Link to agenda and minutes on our website](#)

The recommendations of the report noted that:

1. The Administration write to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to seek their feedback on removing the lane for vehicles to turn right from Dyson Road into Morrow Road, subject to future community engagement.
2. If DIT provide in-principle support, then the Administration consult with residents and property owners within the area bounded by Dyson Road, Gulfview Road, Galloway Road and Christie Creek to seek the level of support for the proposed removal of right turns from Dyson Road into Morrow Road.
3. A project to undertake the necessary works is to be entered into council's Project and Capital Works Program (PCW) and prioritised in accordance with our Resource Prioritisation Documentation for allocation of funding.
4. If DIT do not support the proposal, a project is to be entered into the PCW for a traffic calming scheme to be provided on Brown Road.
5. Elected Members will be informed of any updates associated with the above investigations.
6. The head petitioner be notified of Council's decision.

In response to recommendations 1 and 2, we wrote to The Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP on 2 May 2025. The letter noted the petition received, the characteristics of Brown Road and the function that Brown Road plays in the road network, traffic data collected between Dyson Road and Morrow Road and connected vehicle movement data. The closure of the letter requested in-principle support from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) for the closure of the median on Dyson Road, prohibiting right turns into the service road for southbound motorists. The letter also noted that once in-principle support was received, that community engagement and further technical work would be undertaken.

A response was received from the Minister's office on 1 July 2025 noting that DIT require further technical information prior to in-principle support being granted.

We have recently received the vehicle turning movement data from DIT and are now collating further technical data required for DIT's consideration including:

- history of the right turn provision and access arrangements included in the original land division approval
- full traffic survey
- modelling of traffic redistribution to the controlled intersections on Dyson Road
- providing written discussion on impacts to the Port Stanvac development, likelihood of compliance and risk mitigation measures and other treatment options which have been considered.

Once this has been collated, it will be provided to DIT to seek in-principle support. If in-principle support is granted, community engagement will then commence and the engagement outcomes will be provided to DIT for final consideration. We expect that the collation of technical data will be completed by the end of November and will provide an update to ward members once the data has been provided to DIT.

11. Motions on notice

11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR THEMELIOTIS – SEVENTH STREET FLAGSTAFF HILL SITE

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

1. *That the Mayor write to the Adelaide Development Company (ADC) to:*
 - o request an update on the previously proposed Seventh Street Shopping Development;*
 - o seek advice on any future plans for the site and indicative timeframes; and*
 - o outline any constraints currently preventing redevelopment.*
2. *That the response, once received, be included in the Mayor's Report to the next appropriate Council Meeting.*

Seconded by Cr Eaton.

CARRIED

11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – CR PLATTEN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION POLICY (FACE TO FACE ENGAGEMENT)

MOVED Cr Platten.

That a report be brought back to Council on options to amend Council's Public Consultation Policy to require that, for consultations involving land revocations, land use changes, or changes to local amenities, face-to-face engagement (including but not limited to doorknocking of directly impacted properties) forms part of the consultation process.

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

12. Petitions

12.1 PETITION - FAIRER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

MOVED Cr Eaton.

- 1. Council receives the petition at attachment 1 to the agenda report.*
- 2. Council notes that further investigations will be undertaken and a subsequent report will be presented to Council at the meeting to be held on 9 December 2025.*
- 3. The head petitioner be notified of Council's decision.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

13. Urgent business

13.1 URGENT BUSINESS – CR JEW – HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM – SUBMISSION TO SA PARLIAMENT JOINT COMMITTEE INTO THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM

MOVED Cr Jew.

That Council:

- 1. Authorises the Chief Executive lodge a submission on behalf of the City of Onkaparinga to the SA Parliament Joint Committee into the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB), with the submission to be lodged by October 10.*
- 2. Requests the submission include:*
 - a. The most recent information on the HAB's impact on our local beaches, as evidenced by SARDI, PIRSA, DEW or other relevant sources*
 - b. Actions Council has taken to date in response to the HAB*
 - d. Recommendations for state and federal government assistance targeted to the local government sector.*
 - e. Case studies and evidence from Onkaparinga illustrating local economic and social impacts and examples of where targeted government actions could result in improved outcomes.*
- 3. Requests that the submission be provided to Elected Members for noting at the October Council Meeting*
- 4. Requests development of a brief Action Plan outlining City of Onkaparinga's approach to and asks for responding to the impacts of the Harmful Algal Bloom over the summer season and beyond, for Council's consideration at its November meeting. This can include policy positions, planned actions and advocacy requests in response to topics such as beach and hot weather safety, tourism, business support, activations, grants, mental health support, community resilience, waste management etc.*

Seconded by Cr Wilkes.

Cr Fisher MOVED a formal motion that the MOTION be PUT.

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

The MOTION was PUT and CARRIED.

14. Confidential items

14.1 LEGAL MATTER UPDATE

1. *Exclusion of the public*

MOVED Cr Bell.

1. *Exclusion of the public*

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council.

And

Section 90(3)(h) legal advice.

As this report relates to litigation and contains legal advice, it is recommended that the report be considered in confidence.

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

Cr Wilkes left the meeting at 9.54pm.

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

- a. *That the matter of Legal Matter Update having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2), 90(3)(h) and 90(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until the matter has been resolved.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

14.2 LEGAL SERVICES SUMMARY

1. Exclusion of the public

MOVED Cr Platten.

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(h) legal advice

and

Section 90(3)(i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council;

The information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda report is information relating to:

- *actual litigation involving the Council concerning appeals, enforcement actions or negotiations before various Courts, and*
- *development proposals where the legal advice concerning these matters will be discussed.*

- c. *Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Fisher.

CARRIED

2. Confidential resolution

3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

MOVED Cr Platten.

- a. *That the matter of Legal Services Summary having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(h) and (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report and discussion of the Council relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all the matters referred to in the agenda report are finalised.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

14.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 14 AUGUST 2025

1. *Exclusion of the public*

MOVED Cr Fisher.

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*

Section 90(3)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which—

- (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and*
- (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

The Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of information concerning the contract of employment of a person at the meeting would be inconsistent with accepted principles of professional human resource management and that the commercial nature of the information that is presented in this report is not for broader public consumption.

- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

2. *Confidential resolution*

3. *Period of confidentiality and delegations*

MOVED Cr Themeliotis.

- a. *That the matter of Chief Executive Officer Performance Management Committee meeting confidential minutes of 14 August 2025 having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council and the CEO Performance Management Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential with the exception that the name of the Independent Advisor and the value of the engagement be released once engagement is finalised.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub-delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub-delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Platten.

CARRIED

14.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 28 AUGUST 2025

1. Exclusion of the public

MOVED Cr Platten.

That:

- a. *under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider this item in confidence.*
- b. *the Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:*
Section 90(3)(e) matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property, or the safety of any person.
The reason for confidentiality is due to the nature of the action items resulting from the internal audit.
- c. *accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.*

Seconded by Cr Bell.

CARRIED

2. Confidential resolution

3. Period of confidentiality and delegations

MOVED Cr Platten.

- a. *That the matter of Audit and Risk Committee meeting confidential minutes of 28 August 2025 having been considered by the Council in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(e) of the Local Government Act 1999 that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 that the agenda report, related attachments, discussion and minutes of the Council and the Audit and Risk Committee relating to the subject matter be kept confidential until all management response actions have been completed by council.*
- b. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council delegates the duty to conduct an annual review of the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub-delegate.*
- c. *That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer, or their sub-delegate.*

Seconded by Cr Themeliotis.

CARRIED

Mayor Were reopened the meeting to the public at 9.58pm.

15. Closure

Mayor Were officially declared the meeting closed at 9.58pm.

*Certified Correct*Chair

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